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Have Reds Infiltrated Our Government?

A "greater scandal than the famous Alger Hiss case" was the topic of an article which appeared in a New York newspaper recently.

The story was said to be based on information from an important U.S. intelligence source, a Polish defector living in New York since 1961 under the assumed name of Michael Goleniewski.

According to the New York Journal American, Goleniewski was a former high-ranking operative in the Soviet KGB or secret-police organization.

The newspaper said he "has provided Washington with details of what looms as a greater scandal than the famous Alger Hiss case."

Specifics of the charges attributed to Goleniewski have been denied by the government as inaccurate, and contrary to information he had actually given American authorities.

Goleniewski's charges were that the Soviet KGB had infiltrated all major American embassies and "every United States agency except the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)."

He charged that "little of anything" was being done to weed out these Soviet agents because "amateurs and Stalinists" in the Central Intelligence Agency had refused to let the matter get to the attention of higher officials.

The Journal-American's story reportedly prompted high-level conferences in the Central Intelligence Agency, the White House, the FBI and the State Department.

Spokesmen for these vital agencies of our government, however, refused to discuss any aspect of the case publicly.

We believe that the American people deserve to know just exactly what is going on.

This seems particularly true in the light of our recent foreign policy setbacks, reverses and defeats around the world.

Perhaps the best answer would be for the President to authorize the FBI to make a complete investigation of all branches and agencies of government against which the charges have been made and to see to it that anyone who obstructs the FBI or hampers it in any way in the investigation be immediately removed from office or job.

Never in the history of the United States have more serious charges been made — unless it was the Alger Hiss case itself.

The price of liberty is eternal vigilance. The President, Congress and our departments of government owe us that.